

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (amended). [Use of] A method for the prophylaxis and treatment of rosacea and couperose which comprises applying to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of one compound or two or more compounds [chosen] selected from the group consisting of NO-synthase inhibitors and derivatives thereof [for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of rosacea and couperose].

Claim 2 (amended). [Use of cosmetic or dermatological topical preparations with a content of one compound or two or more compounds chosen from the group of NO-synthase inhibitors and derivatives thereof for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of rosacea and couperose.] The method of claim 1, wherein said compound or compounds are applied in the form of a cosmetic or dermatological topical preparation.

Claim 3 (amended). Cosmetic or dermatological topical preparations [with] comprising a content of one compound or two or more compounds [chosen] selected from the group consisting of NO-synthase inhibitors and derivatives thereof.

Claim 4 (amended). [Use] Method according to Claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the preparations comprise at least one antioxidant.

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Claim 5 (amended). [Use] Method according to Claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the preparations comprise at least one UVA filter, [and/or] at least one UVB filter, [and/or] at least one inorganic pigment or a combination of both.

Claim 6 (amended). [Use] Method according to Claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the preparations comprise at least one antioxidant and at least one UVA filter, [and/or] at least one UVB filter, [and/or] at least one inorganic pigment or a combination thereof.

Claim 7 (amended). [Use of] Method according to claim 1, wherein said one compound or two or more compounds [according to Claim 1, chosen] is selected from the group consisting of  $N^G$ -monoalkyl-L-arginine,  $N^G$ ,  $N^{G'}$ -dialkyl-L-arginine,  $N^G$ ,  $N^{G'}$ -dialkyl-L-arginine and  $N^G$ -nitro-L-arginine and derivatives thereof[ for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of rosacea and couperose].

Claim 8 (amended). [Use of cosmetic or dermatological topical preparations] Method according to Claim 2, [with a content of one ] wherein said compound or [two or more] compounds [chosen] are selected from the group consisting of  $N^G$ -monoalkyl-L-arginine,  $N^G$ ,  $N^{G'}$ -dialkyl-L-arginine,  $N^G$ ,  $N^{G'}$ -dialkyl-L-arginine and  $N^G$ -nitro-L-arginine and derivatives thereof [for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of rosacea and couperose].

Claim 9 (amended). Cosmetic or dermatological topical preparations according to Claim 3, [with a content of one compound or two or more compounds chosen] wherein said NO-synthase inhibitors and derivatives are selected from the group consisting of N<sup>G</sup>-monoalkyl-L-arginine, N<sup>G</sup>, N<sup>G</sup>-dialkyl-L-arginine, N<sup>G</sup>, N<sup>G'</sup>-dialkyl-L-arginine and N<sup>G</sup>-nitro-L-arginine and derivatives thereof.

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Claim 10 (amended). [Use or preparation] Preparation according to [Claims 7-9, characterized in that] claim 9, wherein said compound is N<sup>G</sup>-nitro-L-arginine methyl ester or N<sup>G</sup>-nitro-L-arginine methyl ester hydrochloride [is used].

Claim 11 (amended). [Use] Method according to Claim 8, [characterized in that] wherein the preparations comprise at least one antioxidant.

Claim 12 (amended). [Use] Method according to Claim 8, [characterized in that] wherein the preparations comprise at least one UVA filter, [and/or] at least one UVB filter, [and/or] at least one inorganic pigment or a combination thereof.

Claim 13 (amended). [Use] Method according to Claim 8, [characterized in that] wherein the preparations comprise at least one antioxidant and at least one UVA filter, [and/or] at least one UVB filter and/or at least one inorganic pigment or a combination thereof.

Claim 14 (amended). [Use of one compound or two or more compounds chosen from the group of] Method of claim 1, wherein said NO-synthase inhibitors [which] contain an arginine radical[, and derivatives thereof for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of rosacea and couperose].

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Claim 15 (amended). [Use of] Method of claim 14, wherein said compounds are applied in the form of cosmetic or dermatological topical preparations [with a content of one compound or two or more compounds chosen from the group of NO-synthase inhibitors which contain an arginine radical, and derivatives thereof for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of rosacea and couperose].

Claim 16 (amended). Cosmetic or dermatological topical preparations according to claim 3, wherein said [with a content of one compound or two or more compounds chosen from the group of] NO-synthase inhibitors [which] contain an arginine radical[, and derivatives thereof].

Claim 17 (amended). NO-Synthase inhibitor [containing] having one or more acylated amino groups[, in particular monoacylated amino groups].